

Obey	Ryan (OH)	Taylor
Olver	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Ortiz	Salazar	Thompson (CA)
Pallone	Sali	Thompson (MS)
Pascarell	Sánchez, Linda	Thornberry
Pastor	T.	Tiahrt
Payne	Sanchez, Loretta	Tierney
Pearce	Sarbanes	Towns
Perlmutter	Saxton	Turner
Peterson (MN)	Schakowsky	Udall (CO)
Peterson (PA)	Schiff	Udall (NM)
Petri	Schmidt	Upton
Pickering	Schwartz	Van Hollen
Platts	Scott (GA)	Velázquez
Poe	Scott (VA)	Visclosky
Pomeroy	Serrano	Walberg
Porter	Sessions	Walden (OR)
Price (GA)	Sestak	Walsh (NY)
Price (NC)	Shays	Walz (MN)
Pryce (OH)	Shea-Porter	Wamp
Radanovich	Sherman	Wasserman
Rahall	Shimkus	Schultz
Ramstad	Shuler	Waters
Rangel	Shuster	Watson
Regula	Simpson	Watt
Rehberg	Sires	Waxman
Reichert	Skelton	Weiner
Renzi	Slaughter	Welch (VT)
Reyes	Smith (NJ)	Weldon (FL)
Reynolds	Smith (TX)	Westmoreland
Rodriguez	Smith (WA)	Wexler
Rogers (AL)	Snyder	Whitfield
Rogers (KY)	Solis	Wicker
Rogers (MI)	Souder	Wilson (NM)
Rohrabacher	Space	Wilson (OH)
Ros-Lehtinen	Spratt	Wilson (SC)
Roskam	Stark	Wolf
Ross	Stupak	Woolsey
Rothman	Sullivan	Wu
Roybal-Allard	Sutton	Wynn
Ruppersberger	Tanner	Yarmuth
Rush	Tauscher	Young (FL)

NAYS—40

Barrett (SC)	Foxx	Myrick
Bartlett (MD)	Franks (AZ)	Neugebauer
Blackburn	Gohmert	Pence
Blunt	Goode	Pitts
Boehner	Goodlatte	Putnam
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Royce
Broun (GA)	Hobson	Sensenbrenner
Burton (IN)	Inglis (SC)	Shadegg
Campbell (CA)	Issa	Stearns
Cantor	Jordan	Tancred
Chabot	Kingston	Tiberi
Feeney	McHenry	Weller
Flake	McKeon	
Fossella	Miller (FL)	

NOT VOTING—11

Abercrombie	Filner	Paul
Clarke	Hastert	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	Johnson, Sam	Young (AK)
Davis, Jo Ann	Murtha	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain on this vote.

□ 2225

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 790. I was detained in a meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3161, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privi-

leged report (Rept. No. 110-290) on the resolution (H. Res. 599) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3161) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-291) on the resolution (H. Res. 600) providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3159, ENSURING MILITARY READINESS THROUGH STABILITY AND PREDICTABILITY DEPLOYMENT POLICY ACT OF 2007

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-292) on the resolution (H. Res. 601) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3159) to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2272, AMERICA COMPETES ACT

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-293) on the resolution (H. Res. 602) providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HODES). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

□ 2230

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. POE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

BRING OUR TROOPS HOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the sound of gunshots could be heard throughout Iraq last week. Unlike most days, however, it was not the sound of civil war. Instead, it was the sounds of celebration as Iraq won a pivotal soccer match over their Saudi rivals. The return to violence that is the new Iraqi way of life did not take long, however.

Most Iraqi families are living in unimaginable circumstances. Nearly one-third of the children are malnourished, and some 15 percent of Iraqis regularly cannot afford to eat. That's according to a recent Oxfam report.

The high for Baghdad today was forecast at 121 degrees. Electricity is available for about 2 hours a day. Children are out of school, and regular employment is becoming harder and harder to come by. In these conditions, it is hard to sustain hope. For a country so rich in resources, it is disturbing to hear the stories of families trapped in slums begging for clean drinking water. Mothers scourge to find books and paper for school lessons. It is no wonder. Over 4 million Iraqis have been displaced from their homes and have sought refuge in neighboring provinces or nations.

The United Nations estimates that 50,000 Iraqis leave their homes and become refugees every single month. That is the equivalent of one Biloxi or one Idaho Falls every month. It hits home even more when we think of a population the size of San Rafael or Petaluma, both in my congressional district. This is each month, Mr. Speaker; and the situation isn't getting any better.

We have spent half a trillion dollars on this occupation. Where has it gotten us? If only a fraction of the money we were spending on tanks and bombs was redirected to reconstruction and reconciliation, what a different country Iraq could be.

In my district in Marin and Sonoma counties alone, the taxpayers have shelled out \$1.5 billion for this Iraqi occupation. If we really wanted to make America safer, this same amount, just the money from my district alone, could have paid for nearly 29,000 public safety officers or 20,000 port container inspectors. That's the real way to defend our homeland.

We don't need to wait until September to see if the administration's efforts in Iraq are working. They haven't worked from the beginning. We were not met as liberators. We are not making America safer. Our continuing

presence only serves as a recruiting tool for new terrorists. How can anyone think to put our troops in harm's way merely to serve a political legacy?

Both the American and Iraqi people have consistently sent the clear message: Bring the troops home. Not in 2009 or whenever a new President comes along. The time is now, and we must not delay.

This will require bold actions, but our troops deserve nothing less than to be brought safely home to their families.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

RECLAIMING DR. BERNARD SIEGAN'S REPUTATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to correct the record concerning a great economist and a friend, the late Bernard Siegan, a distinguished professor of law at the University of San Diego. It will be remembered that in 1988 Dr. Siegan was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to the U.S. Court of Appeals. He promptly came under attack, one of the worst from Professor Lawrence Tribe of Harvard University.

Tribe wrote in a public letter on May 28, 1987, to Senator BIDEN attacking the academic views of Dr. Siegan as being outside the mainstream of American jurisprudence.

In a widely quoted section of his letter, Professor Tribe assailed Dr. Siegan's assertion that the Brown v. Board of Education ruling was "a component of the right to travel, a right long secured by the Federal courts."

At this time Professor Tribe claimed that this legal view was "tortured" and part of "Mr. Siegan's radical revisionism . . . so bizarre and strained . . . as to bring into question both Mr. Siegan's competence as a constitutional lawyer and his sincerity as a scholar." This type of assault was typical of the attacks that preceded the defeat of Dr. Siegan's nomination.

That was 1987, and much has changed since then.

Dr. Bernard Siegan died in March 2006. His many books, speeches and articles made him one of the most prolific and respected legal and constitutional scholars on the political right.

Recently, in sorting through the files of her last husband, Mrs. Shelley Siegan came upon a series of written exchanges between her husband and Professor Lawrence Tribe. Tribe wrote on September 6, 1991, "I have reconsid-

ered my description of your analysis of Brown v. Board of Education. I agree with your general approach that Brown can be justified by arguing from the 'liberty' component of the 14th amendment."

Tribe further wrote Dr. Siegan, "although I do not reach the same conclusions you do, the issues you raise are important enough to be worthy of scholarly discussion."

Unfortunately for Dr. Siegan's reputation, Professor Tribe's reevaluation was never publicly documented. However, in a letter to Mrs. Siegan on September 21, 2006, he wrote, "Please permit me to apologize to you here for the unnecessary and ad hominem character of what I wrote to Senator Biden in May 1987.

"I am sorry to have caused him, or you, any distress, and I am grateful for the opportunity your letter affords me to set the letter straight as best I could do at this late date."

All this tells us much about the ugly period of personal attack this country experienced during the judicial nominations of the 1980s.

I hope this review of the above-cited letters makes it clear that Professor Bernard Siegan was a distinguished and respected scholar, a champion of personal liberty and private property. And contrary to the assertions made during his nomination hearings in 1987, Professor Bernard Siegan would have been made an excellent addition to the 9th District Circuit Court of Appeals.

And now the record is set straight.

RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD AND HEALTHY FAMILIES ACT OF 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, there is broad agreement that fathers matter in the upbringing of children. Studies show that children raised in the absence of a father are more likely to live in poverty. Children whose fathers interact with them on a regular basis on such daily activities as helping with homework, enjoying recreational opportunities and sharing meals have higher self-esteem and are better learners.

Children raised in the absence of a father are more likely to engage in risky behaviors such as early sexual activities, as well as drug and alcohol use. Statistics demonstrate that boys raised in fatherless homes are more likely to become violent.

No one argues that there is any one model of family structure, but the elimination of government barriers to healthy relationships and healthy marriages, the promotion of cooperative parenting skills, and the fostering of economic stability and the provision of incentives to noncustodial parents to fulfill financial and emotional support responsibilities are clearly in the best interest of millions of children.

What we have learned is that even effective fatherhood programs cannot by themselves address the growing crisis arising out of the trend toward a single-parent home. What is required is a national social infrastructure which supports effective fatherhood. Therefore, on Friday of this week, I, with Representative ARTUR DAVIS, JULIA CARSON, BOBBY RUSH and others shall introduce the Responsible Healthy Fatherhood Act.

The Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2007 restores cuts in Federal child support and requires States to pass through 100 percent of collected child support payments. It prohibits unfair and unequal treatment of two-parent families receiving TANF. It provides grants to help reduce barriers to healthy family relationships and obstacles to sustainable employment.

The Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2007 ensures equal funding for programs such as mediation and conflict resolution. It provides funding for partnership between domestic violence prevention organizations and fatherhood or marriage programs to train staff in domestic violence and domestic violence prevention.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is designed to promote healthy family living; and I encourage all of my colleagues to take a hard look at it and support it.

□ 2245

A LETTER TO CONGRESS FROM JENIFER ALLBAUGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I received a letter from a mother of a Marine who was killed on July 5 of this year. She asked that I make this letter known to the Members of the House, and that is what I will do at this time. I will read directly from her letter.

"Let me first tell you about myself. My name is Jenifer Allbaugh, my husband is Jon Allbaugh and we have three children together. My son, 2nd Lt. Army Jason Allbaugh (24), my daughter Alicia Allbaugh, college sophomore (19) and Cpl. Jeremy Allbaugh, USMC (21). Jeremy was killed in Iraq on July 5, 2007 while on a mission in a Humvee that was hit by an IED.

"Jeremy enlisted in the Marine Corps before he graduated from high school in 2004. We were at war but he very much wanted to serve his country. He believed very much in what he was doing and what his country was trying to accomplish in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"While we as a family are struggling greatly with the loss of our hero, I feel a great need to express my concerns in regards to our military.

"I do not understand why our government has to be pushed to equip our